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BDCP

PRELIMINARY List of Critical Path Decisions

State-Federal Interagency Principal Meetings

1) Intake Phasing

Decision Driver: Policy/Political and EIS/EIR schedule (representation of construction schedule)

Define and determine how the construction and operation of north delta diversion facilities balances scientific risks to salmonid and smelt populations with economic risk (cost and stranded assets) of project construction/plan implementation. Determine potential phasing of intake location, design, operation; duration of studies; decision-making.

Background/Technical Information Needed:

A) Technical information from FFTT, and Recommendation from NMFS – August 24, 2011

B) Outreach to Water Users – August 30, 2011

C) Mtg with ICF consultants – August 31, 2011

D) Engineering, cost and economic analyses – September 7, 2011

E) ICF's assessment & findings – September 22, 2011

F) Initiate VE-Type evaluation – September 23, 2011

2) Modeling tools used in EA –

Decision Driver: Schedule for EA

Confirm the modeling tools/techniques that will be used during the analytical process in the EA for the purposes of NCCPA and Section 10 compliance. Identify the ongoing path to develop the models not used and their relevance to the adaptive management and BDCP science program. Identify relationship to EIR/EIS.

Background Information Needed: DWR to develop a State proposal for evaluation and decision by Principals – September 22, 2011

3) Governance Structure (and related issues)

Decision Driver: Water Users/political

Identify and define the role of state and federal agencies, water users, various stakeholders, and the public in key plan implementation decisions, including water operations, habitat creation, monitoring, science and research, and adaptive management. These inter-related issues must be described and be consistent in various chapters of the draft BDCP.

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Background Information Needed: General framework proposal that highlights the general inter-relationship between these integral parts.

- A) Revised Draft Chapter 7 with Adaptive Management and Operations –
- B) Federal Agencies to review and provide comments
- C) Working Group Mtg to primarily discuss “permittee” issues – September 21, 2011

4) Adaptive Limits (Adaptive Range) –

Decision Driver: EA Schedule

Identify adaptive ranges

Background Information Needed:

- A) Armin to develop straw proposal based on modeling analysis – September 9
- B) Presentation to State/Federal Interagency Principals/Determination of Approach to Working Group – Week of September 14
- C) Working Group Meeting #1- September 22
- D) Working Group Meeting #2 – September 28
- E) Working Group Meeting #3 – October 12
- F) Working Group Meeting #4 – October 26

October 2011

5) Financing (public portion) –

Decision Driver: Public/Policy/Political

Identify allocation of funding for public portion of plan implementation among state and federal entities.

Background Information Needed: Generally agreed upon scope and cost of the anticipated *public* portion of the overall Plan.

October 2011 [note that MOA indicates that water user funding plan is made available in April 2012.]

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- 6) Identity of Permit Applicant(s) and Permittees- Driver: Policy/Political
January 2012
- 7) Proposed Project Operations – Driver: Schedule
February 2012
- 8) Selection of EIR/EIS Alternatives – Driver: Schedule
TBD
- 9) Regulatory Assurances – Driver: Political/policy
TBD

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